HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
VOTE TALLY SHEET

Bill No.: HB-5691   **Amendment Letter:**

AN ACT CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEED SUBSIDIES FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.

Chair: WILLIS, R.   **Motion:** MUSTO, A.   **Second:** HURLBURT, B.

Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

Language Change: Requires the Department of Children and Families to provide postsecondary education assistance for each child accepted and enrolled as a part- or full-time student at a public college or university in the state and (1) under the Department's guardianship, (2) previously under the Department's guardianship until his or her eighteenth birthday and still receiving voluntary services, (3) adopted through the Department's foster care program, or (4) participating in the Department's subsidized guardianship program.

The assistance includes the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Children receiving tuition assistance for the 2009-10 school year continue to be eligible under the Department of Children and Families' post adoption services policy that was in effect as of January 1, 2009.

To be eligible, the student must (1) begin school the semester immediately following his or her high school graduation, (2) apply for every appropriate grant and scholarship, (3) provide the Department of Children and Families with documentation of his or her enrollment and financial aid application, and (4) remain in good academic standing.

Extends, from 18 to 23, the age up to which the Department of Children and Families pays a subsidy to families adopting a special-needs child, provided the child is enrolled in a high school or college

***The passed Amendment A on this bill Strikes Section 2 of the Substitute Language (LCO No. 4930) regarding Special Needs Children.

TOTALS	Voting 17	Yea 17	Nay 0	Abstain 0	Absent and Not Voting 2	Voice Vote

	yea	nay	abstain	absent		yea	nay	abstain	absent
Sen. **Handley**, M. S04				X					
Rep. **Willis**, R. 064	X								
Sen. **Musto**, A. S22	X								
Rep. **Candelaria**, J. 095	X								
Sen. **Debicella**, D. S21	X								
Rep. **Sawyer**, P. 055	X								
Rep. **Abercrombie**, C. 083	X								
Rep. **Alberts**, M. 050	X								
Rep. **Dillon**, P. 092	X								
Rep. **Flexer**, M. 044	X								
Rep. **Giannaros**, D. 021				X					

Rep. **Hurlburt**, B. 053	X									
Rep. **Janowski**, C. 056	X									
Rep. **Lewis**, J. 008	X									
Rep. **McCrory**, D. 007	X									
Rep. **Noujaim**, S. 074	X									
Rep. **Rigby**, J. 063	X									
Rep. **Rojas**, J. 009	X									
Rep. **Shapiro**, J. 144	X									

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